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LOK SABHA

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USE OF INTERNET BY TERRORISTS AND CRIMINALS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the criminals and terrorists in the country are using internet for their various operations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether majority of the police forces across the country are not equipped with sophisticated computer networks to tackle the activities of the criminals and terrorists; and

(d) if so, the details of the plans formulated by the Government to face such challenges?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) & (b): There are reports of criminals committing economic frauds through phishing, e-mail scams, piracy,data theft and launching of denial of service attacks onto targeted organizations,network infrastructures and countries,using internet services.

(c) & (d:`Police` being a State subject,it is primarily the concern of the State Governments to modernize their police forces and to establish cyber police stations for cyber crime investigation. At the same time, the Ministry of Home Affairs is implementing a project called Common Integrated Police Application (CIPA) in all the States in a phased manner, under the Modernisation of State Police Forces (MPF) Scheme. It is envisaged to widen the scope of CIPA project in terms of the applications and by extending it from the police stations to the other higher level formations in the police hierarchy, and provide network connectivity. The Government has set up Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) to provide reactive and proactive support to the cyber incidents in India, besides introducing a Bill to amend the Information Technology Act, 2000, in the Lok Sabha on 15.12.2006 to provide for insertion of legal provisions to address various computer crimes.